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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marc Mezard  
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Serial No.: 10/606,275

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS USING  
CONSTRAINED VARIABLES

Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Frech, Karl D.

Atty. Dkt. No.: CHEP:008US

**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 14, 2005;**  
**AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2005 for which the three-month date for response was June 14, 2005.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments presented below.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one-month up to and including July 14, 2005, in which to respond to the outstanding Action. A check for the small entity fee for a one-month extension of time (\$60.00) is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit the fees to or from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/CHEP:008/DDB.